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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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COMMERCIALIZATION OF EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to commercialization of education, the needy and the bright poor children are unable to proceed for higher education;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to assist these children; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to set up any monitoring authority to control these commercialized educational institutions other than AICTE?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) of the Central Government states that the Government will ensure that nobody is deprived professional education because he or she is poor. The Government are also aware of the need to access to higher education and has therefore tentatively targeted at 15% for the eligible age group by the end of Five Year Plan. Increase in number of scholarships, easy availability of loans through the banking sector as well as increase in public outlays in all fields of higher education are some of the strategies being adopted by the Government. AICTE has also introduced a scheme of tuition fee waiver for women, economically backward and physically handicapped meritorious students in technical Institutions.